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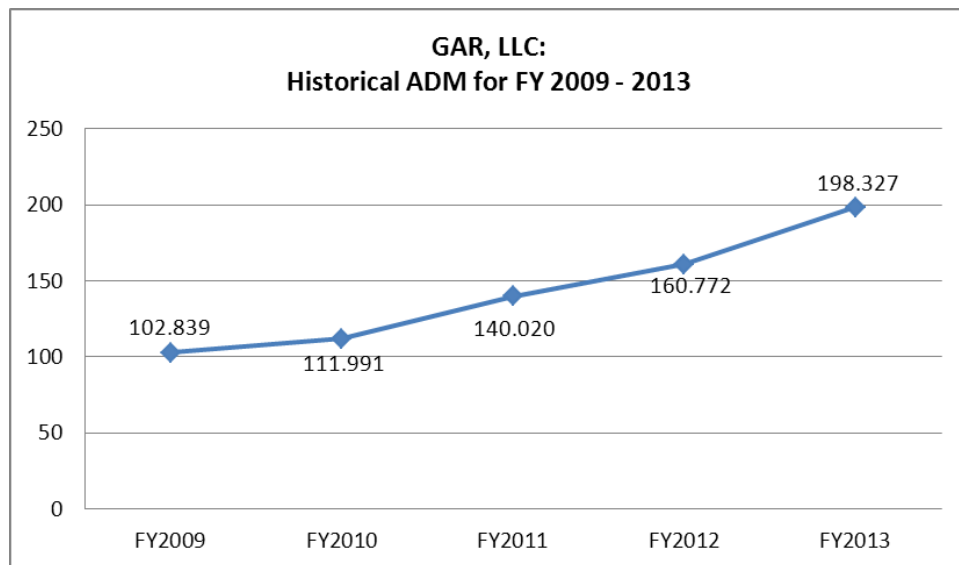
GAR, LLC failed to submit a required Demonstration of Sufficient Progress by its deadline date of May 12, 2013.

Background

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-183(R), in implementing its oversight and administrative responsibilities for the charter schools it sponsors, the Board has developed a performance framework that includes the academic performance expectations of a charter holder and the measurement of sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectation. Charter holders that were required to submit a Performance Management Plan as part of its academic review during the five-year interval review are monitored in subsequent years in accordance with the intervention process outlined in Appendix C of the Board's Academic Performance Framework and Guidance.

As part of the academic performance intervention process, on February 12, 2013, Board staff notified GAR, LLC of their requirement to submit a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.

GAR, LLC operates three schools serving grades 9-12. All three schools are designated as alternative schools. The charter holder becomes eligible for renewal on January 30, 2014; the renewal application will be due April 30, 2014; and the request for renewal must be considered by the Board by July 30, 2014. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2009-2013.



Dashboard representations of the academic outcomes for GAR, LLC based upon the indicators and measures adopted by the Board, are provided below.

The overall rating for Student Choice High School (79022) on the Board's academic performance measures was 55 including points received for the FY 2012 letter grade of D-ALT as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: GAR, LLC
Entity ID 78997

Charter School: Student Choice High School
Entity ID 79022, Grades 9-12

1. Growth

Alternative High School		1a. SGP		1b. Improvement	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
Student Choice High School	2011-2012	NR	NR	17	14.5
Points Assigned		0	0	25	25
Weight		0	0	15	15

2. Proficiency

Alternative High School		2a. Percent Passing		2b. Subgroup ELL		2b. Subgroup FRL		2b. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Student Choice High School	2011-2012	12/20	39/49	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Points Assigned		50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weight		15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Alternative High School		3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	4b. Academic Persistence	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	GradRate	Persist	
Student Choice High School	2011-2012	25	met	92	55
Points Assigned		25	75	100	
Weight		5	15	20	100

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Not For Review Standard	< 39

Additional information regarding the Academic Framework can be found at <http://www.asbcs.az.gov/>

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Student Choice High School (90737) is categorized as "No Rating" on the Board's academic performance measures due to having too few reportable assessments for the calculation of an Overall Rating. A letter grade of A-ALT was reported by the Arizona Department of Education for FY 2012.

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: GAR, LLC
Entity ID 78997

Charter School: Student Choice High School
Entity ID 90737, Grades 9-12

1. Growth

Alternative High School		1a. SGP		1b. Improvement	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
Student Choice High School	2011-2012	NR	NR	50	0
Points Assigned		0	0	100	25
Weight		0	0	15	15

2. Proficiency

Alternative High School		2a. Percent Passing		2b. Subgroup ELL		2b. Subgroup FRL		2b. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Student Choice High School	2011-2012	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Points Assigned		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weight		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Alternative High School		3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	4b. Academic Persistence	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	GradRate	Persist	
Student Choice High School	2011-2012	100	NR	NR	NR
Points Assigned		100	0	0	
Weight		5	0	0	35

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Not For Review Standard	< 39

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The overall rating for Student Choice High School Tatum Campus on the Board's academic performance measures was 44.642 including points received for the FY 2012 letter grade of C-ALT as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: GAR, LLC
Entity ID 78997

Charter School: Student Choice High School Tatum Campus
Entity ID 90738, Grades 9-12

1. Growth

Alternative High School		1a. SGP		1b. Improvement	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
Student Choice High School Tatum Campus	2011-2012	NR	NR	25	0
Points Assigned		0	0	50	25
Weight		0	0	15	15

2. Proficiency

Alternative High School		2a. Percent Passing		2b. Subgroup ELL		2b. Subgroup FRL		2b. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Student Choice High School Tatum Campus	2011-2012	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Points Assigned		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weight		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Alternative High School		3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	4b. Academic Persistence	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	GradRate	Persist	
Student Choice High School Tatum Campus	2011-2012	50	not met	NR	44.642
Points Assigned		50	50	0	
Weight		5	35	0	70

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Falls Far Below Standard	< 39

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Board Options

Option 1: The Board may approve withholding 10% of the charter holder's monthly state aid apportionment. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move to find that GAR, LLC failed to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3) and approve the withholding of 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment until a completed Demonstration of Sufficient Progress document has been submitted.

Option 2: The Board may vote to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter holder's charter contract. Staff has provided the following language for consideration: I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter of GAR, LLC on the basis of its failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3).

I further move that:

- Within 48 hours of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall notify staff and parents/guardians of registered students of the Notice of Intent to Revoke and the Notice of Hearing and provide a school location where the copy may be reviewed;
- Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall provide copies of all correspondence and communications used to comply with the preceding provision; and
- Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall provide the Board with the names and mailing addresses of parents/guardians of all students registered with the school.

Option 3: The Board may choose to withhold 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment and to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter holder's charter contract. The following language is provided for consideration: I move to find that GAR, LLC failed to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3) and approve the withholding of 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment until a completed Demonstration of Sufficient Progress document has been submitted.

Additionally, I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter of GAR, LLC on the basis of its failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3).

ASBCS, June 10, 2013

I further move that:

- Within 48 hours of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall notify staff and parents/guardians of registered students of the Notice of Intent to Revoke and the Notice of Hearing and provide a school location where the copy may be reviewed;
- Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall provide copies of all correspondence and communications used to comply with the preceding provision; and
- Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall provide the Board with the names and mailing addresses of parents/guardians of all students registered with the school.